

§. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
GINGREY OF GEORGIA, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

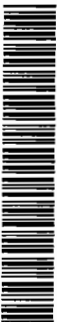
**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4128, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GINGREY OF GEORGIA**

Add at the end the following new section:

1 SEC. 12. RELIGIOUS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

2 (a) PROHIBITION ON STATES.—No State or political
3 subdivision of a State shall exercise its power of eminent
4 domain, or allow the exercise of such power by any person
5 or entity to which such power has been delegated, over
6 property of a religious or other nonprofit organization by
7 reason of the nonprofit or tax-exempt status of such orga-
8 nization, or any quality related thereto if that State or
9 political subdivision receives Federal economic develop-
10 ment funds during any fiscal year in which it does so.

11 (b) INELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS.—A viola-
12 tion of subsection (a) by a State or political subdivision
13 shall render such State or political subdivision ineligible
14 for any Federal economic development funds for a period
15 of 2 fiscal years following a final judgment on the merits
16 by a court of competent jurisdiction that such subsection
17 has been violated, and any Federal agency charged with
18 distributing those funds shall withhold them for such 2-
19 year period, and any such funds distributed to such State
20 or political subdivision shall be returned or reimbursed by



1 such State or political subdivision to the appropriate Fed-
2 eral agency or authority of the Federal Government, or
3 component thereof.

4 (c) PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—The
5 Federal Government or any authority of the Federal Gov-
6 ernment shall not exercise its power of eminent domain
7 over property of a religious or other nonprofit organization
8 by reason of the nonprofit or tax-exempt status of such
9 organization, or any quality related thereto.

